



Wisconsin Anglers: Get the Lead Out!

Lead fishing tackle kills loons, eagles, swans, turtles, and other aquatic wildlife dependent on Wisconsin's lakes, rivers, and streams each year. All it takes is one lead sinker to kill a loon.



What else can you use?

- Some sinkers and jigs are now made from non-poisonous materials such as: Steel, tin, tungsten, bismuth, pewter, ceramic, densified plastic, and glass.
- These alternatives are simple to find and order on the Internet, and can also be found in some bait and tackle shops
- Switching to non-lead tackle is an inexpensive and easy way to make a difference.

What will a change cost you?

Non-lead tackle is generally only pennies more than lead equivalents. Price comparisons show that steel tends to be even cheaper than lead.

	Lead	Tin	Steel
#3/0 Reusable Split Shot	\$0.03	\$0.04	\$0.04
#1/8 oz. Painted Jighead	\$0.40	\$0.51	\$0.25

Data: Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute



What else can you do?

- Dispose of your lead tackle properly – do not throw it in a lake or trash can. Take it to your local household hazardous waste collection site or a scrap metal collector/recycler.
- Spread the word – tell others about the hazards of lead to wildlife and people. Encourage the switch to non-lead sinkers and jigs.
- Ask your favorite bait/tackle shop to carry lead alternative fishing tackle.
- Use nonlead ammunition for hunting

Enjoy fishing and the outdoors without poisoning wildlife by using non-toxic



What's in your tackle box?